Liber M C Mr Secretary spake not to the question but as a Councillor that he thought the matter was to be put to the question and that it could not be rightfully Denied to them and that the P- 259 house hath power to decide such things as shall be put to the question both by former usages and Presidents of the house and by the writt calling them to Consult and by his Lordships intent that the house should have such power expressed in the

Upon further debate it was declared by the Gov^r that it is the common right of all inhabitants to depart out of the Province at their pleasure unless indebted or obnoxious to Justice or unless there be some transcendent Cause for the safety of the People for the Lord Proprietary or his Substitute to overule that right in some particular cases for a Convenient time

Acts formerly consented unto and sent over by his Lordship

Upon motion about repealing the Laws made last Assembly the Governor declared he was willing to repeal divers of them as that of Judges, order of Causes executing upon Corn or Tobacco

Then the house fell upon the reading of the said Laws to see which were fit to be repealed or amended and in the first for support of the Gov^t it was voted that instead of those words [except to England &c*] it should be altered [except to any Port of his Majestys Dominions where custom is due to his Majesty for any such tobacco

Then they voted the Continuance of it to be altered to endure for one year the Governor refused to alter it in that form but that it should stand as it did

p. 260 Then the further reading of the Laws was laid aside and the Governor appointed a Bill to be drawen for the repeal of all the Laws made last Assembly

Then was read the second time the Bill for the Expedition &ca and altered with some amendments

Then the same Committee was appointed to sit as yesterday (only M^r Westons place to be supplied by David Whitcliff) for the drawing up of other Branches appertaining to the safety of the Colony

And the Lieu^t General adjournd the house till the third beating of the drum at 4 Clock afternoon

This morning William Hardich Appeared by his Proxie M^r Thomas Greene

 $\left. \begin{array}{l} Henry\ Hooper \\ M^r\ W^m\ Brainthwayte \end{array} \right\} Appeared\ by\ their\ Proxie\ the\ Gov^r$

Edward Cottam Appeared by their Proxie Capt Cornws